

AAPA 2017 VIC EMERGING LEADER AWARD WINNER



JEREMY HOCHMAN

Jeremy Hochman is a senior project engineer with six years' experience in the Asphalt industry. He specialises in airport and racetrack projects.

His award recognises his work delivering successful systematic and process-driven projects in a collaborative and inspiring way. He was appointed acting project manager just 18 months after commencing at Downer as a graduate engineer and he has since become the 'go-to person' for specialist asphalt project advice for colleagues at all levels.

With a background in simulation-optimisation models, Jeremy seeks to translate theoretical efficiency gains into on-site reality. His work at Sydney Airport in 2016 saw shift plans honed to maximise productivity while ensuring the client had adequate time contingency to minimise impact on Australia's busiest airport. Downer is utilising this approach more widely as projects are increasingly required to be completed within narrow working windows.

Jeremy's approach to problem-solving has delivered cost-savings and quality improvements.

His work on the Canberra Airport project reduced the client's risk exposure by up to 30 per cent. By working closely with his peers and mentoring those junior, Jeremy makes connections and inspires collaboration. He actively advocates for a partnership model between contractors and the client, characterised by open communication and sharing of knowledge and common goals.

Increasingly, Jeremy steps up to represent Downer Airports Division at senior level management meetings and is comfortable discussing topics such as project delivery capability, programming, planning and logistics, quality management zero harm management and resourcing. He actively seeks leadership opportunities and undertakes additional training to gain technical knowledge, commercial awareness, financial focus, cost control, forecasting and reporting skills.

Jeremy is a true emerging leader. He is open to innovation and change and is quick to adapt. He is a people person with a 'can-do' attitude who leads by example. He thrives on challenge and supports others to bring out their best.